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<b>FEE TRANSMITTAL</b> <b>for FY 2005</b>		<b>Application Number</b> 10/623,781 <b>Filing Date</b> July 21, 2003 <b>First Named Inventor</b> Jonathan E. Ricketts <b>Examiner Name</b> Arpad F. Kovacs <b>Art Unit</b> 3671 <b>Attorney Docket No.</b> 17313	
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Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	

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Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)

Multiple dependent claims

Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)	Small Entity	
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Indep. Claims	Extra Claims	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)	360	180
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Applicant(s): Jonathan E. Ricketts

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Jonathan E. Ricketts, et al. : Group Art Unit 3671  
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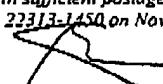
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AMENDMENT UNDER 35 U.S.C. 1.116

SIR:

In response to the Final Office Action dated August 30, 2004, Applicant herein proposes to amend the above-identified patent application as follows: